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A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION ON THE OCCASION OF
THE DEATH OF THE 36TH PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES - LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Once again in less than the span of a month we mourn the death of another President of the United States. This man was a great leader in the never ending struggle for freedom and equal justice.

The son and grandson of frontier lawmakers, Lyndon B. Johnson died January 22nd, 1973. He began his career as a teacher of underprivileged people in the State of Texas.

He served his country in World War II and was awarded the Silver Star.

His earlier career was best known as being a Senate minority and later a Senate majority leader. During this time he fostered Civil Rights Legislation of the most far reaching consequences in 80 years time since the end of the Civil War.

As Vice-President of the United States it became his painful duty to assume the Presidency upon the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He was subsequently elected President of the United States. Among the several programs involving social legislation which he sponsored were the Medicare Program for the Aged. He also placed the full weight of his office behind legislation for educational aid.

Confronted with the Viet Nam war he sought to conclude the participation of the United States therein by initiating the Paris Peace talks. He did not live to see the end of our participation in that conflict, but prayerfully we hope it may soon end.

Many of us remember his visits to the City of Fort Wayne where he made many lasting friendships.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana hereby publicly expresses its sympathy to his loved ones on his passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Memorial Resolution be spread upon the record in our Council Journal as public recognition of a great and courageous leader who has now departed from this earth.

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